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GRANT APPLICATION ASSISTANCE WORKSHOPS TO BE HELD STATEWIDE

January 18, 2005 - Virginia Commission for the Arts announces a series of free statewide grant workshops to be held in several locales in February. These workshops will offer information about funding available from the Commission for non-profit arts organizations, artists, special arts-related projects, and local governments. These workshops cover the grant award programs of the Virginia Commission for the Arts in preparation for the March 1, 2005 and April 2, 2005 (5:00 p.m.) application deadlines. The workshops will address application, review and funding procedures for Commission programs.

Foster Billingsley, Deputy Director and Amy Krawczyk, Grants Officer will discuss Artists-in-Education Residency Grants, Artist Roster application procedures, Arts Education Curriculum Development Grants, Arts Education Technical Assistance Grants, AIE Artist Study Grants, and Teacher Incentive Grants. They will also discuss General Operating Support for Arts Organizations, Project Grants for Organizations, Local Government Challenge Grants, Technical Assistance Grants, Artist Fellowship Grants, and the Touring Assistance and Writers in Virginia Programs. Application forms and publications will be available at each two-hour workshop.

No pre-registration is required to attend a workshop, all of which are free and open to the public. Attendance at a workshop is not required in order to apply for funding; however, it can be helpful in grant preparation as well as to learn about funding opportunities through the Commission. Persons requiring the services of an interpreter for the hearing impaired at a workshop should contact the Commission at least one week in advance of the workshop.

The Virginia Commission for the Arts is the state agency that supports the arts through funding from the Virginia General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts. The Commission distributes grant awards to artists, arts and other not-for-profit organizations, educational institutions, educators and local governments and provides technical assistance in arts management.

For further information about Commission programs, services or resources contact the Virginia Commission for the Arts, 223 Governor Street (Lewis House), Richmond, VA 23219; 804/225-3132; www.arts.virginia.gov.

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Virginia Commission for the Arts 2005 APPLICATION ASSISTANCE WORKSHOPS

Feb 8 – Fairfax

10am – 12pm
Fairfax Arts Council
Fred M. Packard Center
4022 Hummer Road
Annandale, VA 22003

Feb 9 – Richmond

10am – 12pm
Plant Zero
0 East 4th Street
Richmond, VA 23224

Feb 10 – Lynchburg

10am – 12pm
Riverview Artspace
901 Jefferson Street
Lynchburg, VA 24504

Feb 11 - Hampton

10am – 12pm
Mary T. Christian Auditorium
Thomas Nelson Community College
Templin Hall
99 Thomas Nelson Drive
Hampton, VA 23670

Feb 16 – Tazewell

10am – 12pm
SW VA Community College
Community Center * Conference Room 2
369 College Road (Rt 19, six miles south of Claypool Hill)
Richlands, VA 24641

Feb 16 – Galax

2-4pm
Vaughn Building (Old Galax Library)
608 W. Stuart Drive
Galax, VA 24333

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